

Appn. No. 10/076,542
Amendment dated September 15, 2004
Reply to Office Action mailed June 16, 2004

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is courteously requested in order to place all claims in this application in allowable condition and/or to place the non-allowed claims in better condition for consideration on appeal.

Claims 1 through 6 remain in this application. No claims have been cancelled, withdrawn, or added.

The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Office Action.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action

Claims 1 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Sheker, USPN 2,506,897.

Claims 1 through 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Salisbury, USPN 2,453,863.

Claim 1, particularly as amended, requires "a frame assembly including means for coupling to a top of the shop vacuum" and "an arm member being coupled to said stanchion member of said frame assembly, said arm member including means for coupling to a hose of the shop vacuum for directing the hose towards a work piece for vacuuming dust when the shop vacuum is turned on".

It is submitted that the Sheker and Salisbury patents, alone or taken in combination with each other, would not lead one of ordinary skill in the art to the combination of requirements of the claimed invention as set forth in claim 1, particularly the "means for coupling to a top of a vacuum" and "Means for coupling to a hose of the shop vacuum".

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Withdrawal of the §102(b) rejections of claims 1 through 5 is therefore respectfully requested.

Paragraph 3 of the Office Action

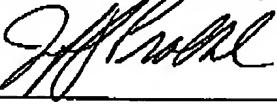
Claim 6 has been allowed.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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